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E.O. 11652: XGDS

TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.)

SUBJECT: SECVISIT - MOROCCO

1. SUMMARY: SECRETARY'S 17 HOUR VISIT RABAT DEVOTED ALMOST EXCLUSIVELY TO PRIVATE DISCUSSIONS WITH KING ON MIDDLE EAST PROBLEM. INVITATION TO KING TO VISIT US RENEWED AND ARRANGEMENTS MADE FOR WIDER DISCUSSION BILATERAL RELATIONS. END SUMMARY.

2. SECRETARY ARRIVED RABAT EVENING NOVEMBER 5 AND MET KING FOR FIRST PRIVATE CONVERSATION SHORTLY THEREAFTER. MORNING NOVEMBER 6 KING HELD MORE GENERAL SESSION WITH PRIME MINISTER, MINISTER FOREIGN AFFAIRS, MINISTER PALACE AND AMBASSADOR SENOUSSE PRESENT. NEWSOM, SISCO, SAUNDERS AND AMBASSADOR NEUMANN ATTENDED FOR US.

3. IN DISCUSSIONS SECRETARY EMPHASIZED:

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A. IMPORTANCE US ATTACHES TO FRIENDSHIP WITH MOROCCO

AND DESIRE OF US THAT THIS FRIENDSHIP BE RECOGNIZED AND KNOWN.

B. UNUSUAL OPPORTUNITY WHICH EXISTS FOR APPROACH TO SETTLEMENT IN MIDDLE EAST; BUT APPROACH WILL REQUIRE PATIENCE.

C. KING CAN PLAY SIGNIFICANT PSYCHOLOGICAL ROLE BY STRESSING TO OTHER ARABS FACT US IS SINCERE IN APPROACHING PROBLEM BUT FINAL GOAL CANNOT BE REACHED IN ONE LEAP.

D. IF US IS TO PLAY CRUCIAL ROLE IT WILL NOT BE GIVEN IMPETUS BY PRESSURES AND BLACKMAIL WHICH WILL ONLY HAVE ADVERSE AFFECT ON US DOMESTIC SCENE.

4. KING VOICED GENERAL APPROVAL OF SECRETARY'S APPROACH, AND MADE THESE POINTS.

A. ARABS CONSIDER THEY HAVE SUCCEEDED IN TEST OF ARMS.

B. ARABS NOW RECOGNIZE EXISTENCE OF ISRAEL -- AND HAVE GONE BEYOND. TASK NOW IS TO FIND MEANS OF LIVING TOGETHER. THIS IS DIFFICULT BUT ACHIEVABLE AND COULD MAKE REALITY OF FERTILE CRESCENT.

C. FIVE MILLION PALESTINIANS POSE SPECIAL PROBLEM. THEY NEED GEOGRAPHIC ENTITY WITH WHICH TO IDENTIFY AND ACCESS TO JERUSALEM.

D. WANTS DISCUSSIONS WITH US ON "LEVEL OF RELATIONSHIP," PROPOSED SECRETARY RETURN LATER IN YEAR OR EARLY IN NEXT FOR LONGER VISIT.

5. ON BILATERAL PLANE, SECRETARY

A. INVITED KING TO VISIT US IN 1974 ON DATE TO BE ARRANGED.

B. SECRETARY AND KING AGREED NEWSOM WOULD RETURN AT END HIS PRESENT JOURNEY FOR PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION OF AGENDA OF BILATERAL ISSUES.

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